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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its orders dated 16/07/2021 and 23/09/2021 passed in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4 of 2021, In Re: Delay in Release of Convicts After Grant of Bail has ordered for setting up of a FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system for speedy and effective electronic transmission of e-authenticated copies of the orders of the Hon'ble Courts to all the duty holders for compliance and due execution through a secured electronic communication channel;

And whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also directed to amend the Rules/ Procedure/Practice/directions to recognize the e-authenticated copy of the order communicated through FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system.

Now therefore, in compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the State Government is hereby pleased to amend the Sikkim Prison Manual, 2010, as under, namely:-

1. In the Sikkim Prison Manual, 2010, after clause 25.22, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"25.23 Adoption of FASTER System

- (a) The prison authorities or the duty holders shall adopt the procedure termed as FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system.
- (b) The prison authorities or the duty holders shall take cognizance of the e-authenticated copies of the Judgment, final orders, interim orders, stay orders, bail orders and record of proceedings sent by the concerned Courts and Tribunals for due execution.
- (c) The prison authorities or the duty holders shall appoint the Nodal Officers for communication and due execution of the order sent through FASTER system.

- (d) The prison authorities or the duty holders shall also make available the name of Nodal Officer, mobile number, telephone number and the official email address of the concerned prison authorities to all the Courts and Tribunals."

By order and in the name of the Governor,

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